

MARA - NORTH EAST

ANNUAL MEETING

5 JUNE 2010

The Annual Meeting of the Mercury Amateur Radio Association - North East was held on the 5th of June, 2010 at the Camp Hill Pennsylvania Ward Meeting House in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Those in attendance were:

Bruce Wortmann (N3IA), President
Steve Kelly (K2KEL), VP
Jeff Niceler (K3DEY)
Caryl Kelly (KC2QCL)
Mike Dirle (KN4EE)
Unknown visitor (volunteer note taker)

Welcome and Call to Order at 10:40 AM by Bruce Wortmann, President

Opening Prayer was offered by Jeff Niceler

Minutes

The Minutes of the 2009 meeting were accepted by motion.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by motion.

Membership Report

Dues were accepted at the meeting from:

Caryl Kelly, KC2QCL - \$20 - new member
Jeff Niceler, K3DEY - \$10 - renewal

This, in addition to the information provided by Dave VE1VQ brings our current membership to nineteen.

Elections

None of the regular officer positions were up for election this year, however vacancies exist on the Board of Directors.

To fill the position, left vacant by the passing of Shirrel Young N3DIX (SK), expiring in 2013 – Mike Dirle was duly nominated, seconded and elected.

To fill the vacant position expiring in 2013 – Carly Kelly was duly nominated, seconded and elected.

The request from Stan Statten N3HS to be replaced as Treasurer was presented. The responsibilities of the treasurer were discussed. There were no nominations for a replacement, and the matter was tabled.

General Discussions

The purpose of the organization was discussed. The development of a "Mission Statement" was considered, however the preamble to the organization's constitution serves this purpose, though perhaps some minor updating is applicable.

It was suggested that our weekly HF nets could be supplemented with Echolink. While direct Echolink connection is not practical, a parallel or post net conference should be considered. Our primary method of organizational communication outside the net is the Yahoo group MARA_NE, the email reflector.

Several of the members are involved by calling, with emergency communications in the church. Steve Kelly is the Regional Emergency Communications Specialist (ECS) for the area covering the Cherry Hill, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Reading, and Wilmington Stakes. The region holds a weekly net on the UHF BEARS linked repeater system. Participation averages 25+ stations each week. Bruce is the ECS for Philadelphia.

A round of remembrances of Shirrel Young (N3DIX/SK) took place. He will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know him. He was a great example to us all.

Jeff expressed our appreciation for the blackboard art and lunch arranged by Mike Dirle.

Proposed locations for our next annual meeting were discussed. It would be about time for a meeting in New England. Do we have membership in New England who could host the meeting? New York City was proposed. The stake center and Temple are there, though we would again be running contrary to the church web site's information regarding use of church

facilities. Holding the meeting in Dayton Ohio during the Hamvention was proposed. The Dayton proposal was accepted. Steve Kelly will follow up on how this could be accomplished. Further discussion among the entire membership can be held on the Yahoo group.

The meeting was adjourned by motion, and was closed with prayer by Bruce Wortmann at 12:20 PM.

Following the meeting and lunch the Kelly's, Jeff, and Bruce travelled to Hershey PA and visited Chocolate World. What a treat!